

THE new President of the Royal Academy has none of the personal panache which endeared (and sometimes disendared) his three predecessors to the general public.

Mr. Charles Wheeler would be recognised as an artist in any company; for his flat, broad-brimmed black hat and custom-built suit with tweed-covered buttons are just such as du Maurier himself might have designed. But there is little of the Bohemian about him. "Fair, kind, quiet, gentle, precise, deeply conscientious" are some of the words his col-

and not in painting, that English portraiture is now strongest.

Who Stays Home?

SINCE the Suez crisis, and particularly since petrol rationing was announced, there has been a greatly increased interest in emigration to the Commonwealth.

At South Africa House, telephone and personal inquiries have risen by 30 per cent, and New Zealand House has been snowed under with letters, telephone calls and personal visits. Australia House has had more than 5,000 applications and inquiries since the end of November, and, when details of petrol rationing were announced, personal inquiries leapt from 128 to 270 and then 387 in consecutive days.

Rhodesia House has much the same story to tell.

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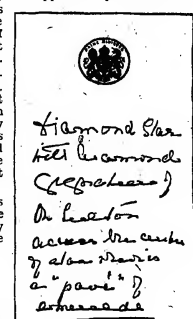
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With his Victorian good looks (well caught in the drawing by Mr. Delmar Banner which I reproduce here) and unobtrusive courtesy he is likely to do a good deal for the Academy's fair name. He may also do something to further the belief, which has lately gained much ground, that it is in sculpture,

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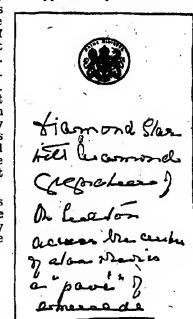
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